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AUSTIN ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 42-year-old Douglas Michael Stum of Austin, TX, pleaded guilty this afternoon to possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. As a result, Stum faces up to 10 years in federal prison.

On June 23, 2006, FBI agents executed a search warrant of Stum's residence and three computers. A forensic analysis of Stum's computers revealed they contained over one thousand images of child pornography including still images and videos of infants being sexually abused.

This Project Safe Childhood case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin.

Guided by the leadership of the Attorney General, Project Safe Childhood (PSC) aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is well-known and serious; the danger of the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography is equally dramatic and disturbing. The response to these growing problems must be coordinated, comprehensive, and robust. It must aim to investigate and prosecute vigorously, and protect and assist victimized children. At the same time, it must recognize the need for a broad, community-based effort to protect our children and to guarantee to future generations the opportunities of the American dream.

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